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1. SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT JOSE MARIA EYZAGUIRRE APRIL 10 IRATELY TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE GOC EXPULSION OF MICHAEL TOWNLEY RAN ROUGHSHOD OVER CHILEAN JURISPRUDENCE BY: (A) DENYING A CHILEAN RESIDENT HIS LEGAL RIGHT TO APPEAL A DECREE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF NOTIFICATION; AND (B) DENYING THE SUPREME COURT ITS MANDATE TO JUDGE THE LEGALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION. EYZAGUIRRE COMPLAINED THAT HE HAD CALLED INVESTIGACIONES DE CHILE (CIVIL POLICE WHO HANDED TOWNLEY OVER TO THE FBI AT THE AIRPORT) ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 8, JUST PRIOR TO THE EXPULSION, BUT THAT NO ONE ANSWERED THE PHONE. ASKED IF CHILEAN JUSTICE COULD REQUEST EXTRADITION OF TOWNLEY, EYZAGUIRRE STATED THAT THE CONCEPCION COURT OF APPEALS -- WHICH HAS A WARRANT PENDING FOR HIS ARREST -- COULD DO SO IF IT WISHED.

2. TOWNLEY'S WIFE, MARIANA CALLEJAS, BITTERLY DENOUNCED
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THE GOC FOR EXPELLING HER HUSBAND. SAID CALLEJAS: "WHAT IS TERRIBLE IS THAT THEY USED MY HUSBAND... NOW I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE "PATRIA" ARE NOT ONE AND THE SAME; I HAVE LOST MY CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT". SHE ASSERTED THAT TOWNLEY WAS A CHILEAN INTELLIGENCE AGENT; AND THAT HE MADE NUMEROUS TRIPS TO THE U.S. TO PURCHASE ELECTRONIC GEAR FOR THE GOC SECRET SERVICE.

SHE DECLARED: "I AM SURE THAT PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND
HIGH OFFICIALS DID NOT KNOW WHO MY HUSBAND REALLY WAS,
WHAT HE DID AND WHAT HE KNOWS. IF THEY HAD KNOWN, THEY
WOULD HAVE THOUGHT TWICE BEFORE EXPELLING HIM....

IF HE IS FORCED TO TESTIFY, IT WILL BE A HARD BLOW FOR
CHILE." TODAY'S "LA SEGUNDA" REPORTS THAT CALLEJAS WILL
TRAVEL TO THE U.S. SHORTLY TO BE WITH TOWNLEY.
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